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Reply To:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Attn: CEMVS-CO-F
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, MO 63103-2833

Public Notice No.

P-2483

Public Notice Date

July 20, 2005

Expiration Date

August 9, 2005

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Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit to conduct maintenance dredging activities within Lake St. Louise, as described below and shown on the attached map.

COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Comments on the described work should reference U.S. Army Corps of Engineers File **P-2483** and must reach this office no later than **August 9, 2005**, to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
ATTN: CEMVS-CO-F (Charles Frerker)
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

APPLICANT: Mr. Steve Probst, General Manager, Lake St. Louis Community Association, 100 Cognac Court, Lake St. Louis, Missouri 63367-1624 (636-625-8276).

LOCATION: Maintenance dredging activities would take place in the upper basin of Lake St. Louise, near Paris Cove, St. Charles County, Missouri. Lake St. Louise is within the Peruque Creek watershed. (See Attached Location Map).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant requests authorization to remove approximately 8,000 cubic yards of accumulated sediments from the upper basin of Lake St. Louise, within the Paris Cove area. Considerable sediment accumulation has made recreational boating difficult to impossible for residents with docks and frontage along Paris Cove during varying lake stages. The applicant prefers to utilize a hydraulic dredge to remove the accumulated sediments from the project area. Hydraulically dredged materials would be contained and piped to an existing dredge disposal basin located near Freymuth Road. In order to access the shallow project area with the deeper draft hydraulic dredge vessel, the applicant states a trackhoe may be necessary to excavate a minor temporary access channel. The excavated materials generated by the trackhoe would be temporarily side cast and stockpiled for subsequent removal by the hydraulic dredge vessel. There is a possibility that the trackhoe excavation activities would not be necessary if lake levels spike and remain higher than normal during mobilization and set-up of the hydraulic dredging operations. (See Attached Drawings)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Charles Frerker,

Rivers Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (314) 331-8583 or at electronic mail address: *charles.f.frerker@mvs02.usace.army.mil*

AUTHORITY: This permit will be processed under the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: By copy of this public notice, project plans are considered submitted to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Pollution Control Program for state certifications of the proposed activity in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. Written comments concerning possible impacts to waters of Missouri should be addressed to: Water Pollution Control Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0176, with copy provided to the Corps of Engineers. The certification, if issued, will express the agency's opinion that the proposed activity will not violate applicable state water quality standards.

SECTION 404 (b)(1) EVALUATION: The impact of the activity on the public interest will be evaluated in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency guidelines pursuant to Section 404 (b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Request for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding the public hearing.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The proposed project is within the range of the endangered Indiana bat (**Myotis sodalis**), Gray bat (**Myotis grisescens**), and the threatened Bald eagle (**Haliaeetus leucocephalus**). The requested activities should have no impact on these species or their designated critical habitat. In order to further complete our evaluation, written comments are hereby solicited from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies to ascertain any potential impacts upon a listed species or their critical habitat.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The St. Louis District will evaluate information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer and the public in response to this public notice and we may conduct, or require a reconnaissance survey of the project area.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the described activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit that may reasonably be expected to accrue from the described activity must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the described activity will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion, and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of these

proposed activities. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

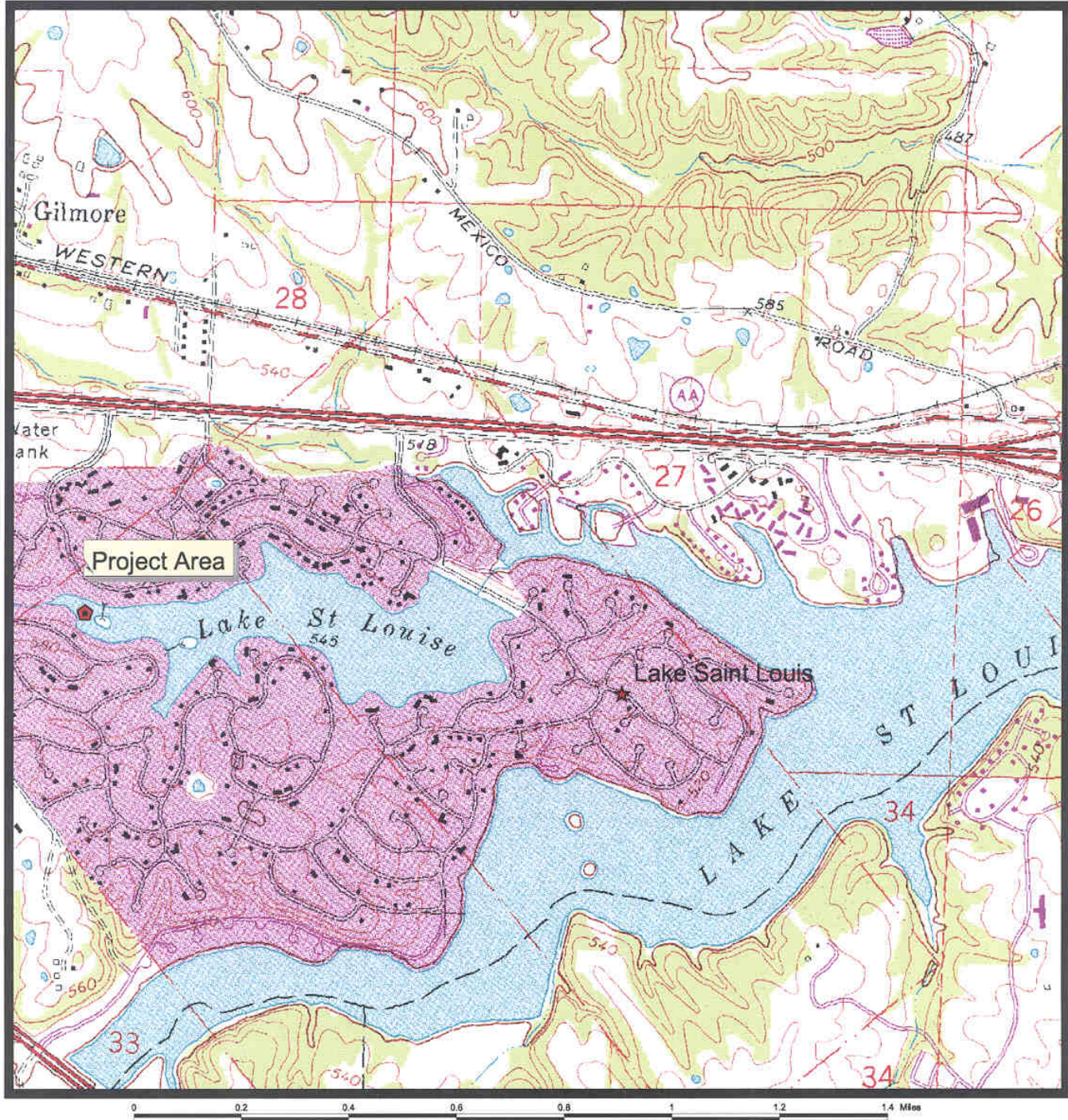
Danny D. McClendon
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Attachments

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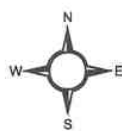
It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed for 21 days from the date of this issuance of this notice.

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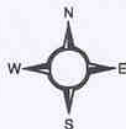
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